



Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2019

The meeting came to order at 1:05 PM, and was chaired by Vice President Kevin O'Brien. 14 members were present.

Officer Roll Call:

President	Mark Roddy (E)
Vice President	Kevin O'Brien (P)
Recording Secretary	Jim Noone (E)
Financial Secretary	Fred Parker (P)
Treasurer	Phil Torrey (P)
Chaplain	Father Robert Ruskamp (P)
Chairman, Standing Committee	John Murphy (P)
Marshal	Tom Copeland (E)
Sentinel	Peter O'Neill (P)
Historian	Pat Sullivan (E)
Parliamentarian	John Murphy (P)
Chairman, Charities & Missions	Joe Boyle (P)
Chairman, Catholic Action	Peter O'Neill (P)
Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland	John Murphy (P)
Chairman, Pro-Life	Fred Burgess (P)

Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was approved.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to report.

Committee Reports:

- Standing Committee: There were no problems or disputes to report.
- Financial: The Financial Committee will meet in November.

- Catholic Action:
 - Peter O'Neill reported that Bishop Robert Barron has a new book out titled *Letter to a Suffering Church*. It addresses what the laity can do to support the clergy. Peter will bring a few copies to our next meeting. The Bishop will also have a new video on the seven sacraments out next summer.
 - Two Synods are currently underway. One, in Rome, is focused on the Amazon. The Pope is concerned about rigidity in the Church. Issues include the shortage of priests in the area and the environment.
 - The second Synod, in Germany, is addressing such issues as the ordination of women and same-sex marriage.
 - John Murphy noted that Synods cannot change doctrine. They can only make recommendations for the Pope's consideration.
 - Peter O'Neill recommended prayers to the Holy Spirit to guide the two Synods.

- Charities & Missions: Fred Parker reported that we are required to report to the State AOH by the end of December how much we contribute to charities, and must now calculate the value of our non-cash contributions. He noted that the Division makes substantial contributions in the form of a direct pass-through, e.g., \$1,000 in goods to Fisher House so far this year. Additionally, hours of service will be valued at \$23.50 per hour, as per direction from the State AOH.

- Freedom for All Ireland: Nothing to report.

- Pro-Life:
 - Fred Burgess reported that in addressing the United Nations President Trump asserted that there is no global right to taxpayer-funded abortions up to the moment of birth. The President also said that the UN organization has no right to attack nations seeking to support life.
 - The Department of Health and Human Services issued a rule that it will provide no funds for referral to abortion services. There must be separate facilities for abortion services. A 9th Circuit Panel upheld the rule, but Planned Parenthood has appealed to the full court.
 - The Georgia Heartbeat Law that would protect pre-born babies once their heartbeat is detected was overturned by a single judge.
 - Father Pavone of the Priests for Life organization recently said it is time for the Supreme Court to reconsider the abortion issue in light of the latest scientific data that proves life begins at conception.
 - With his own money, a pro-life doctor purchased a building in Macon, Georgia, that was about to be turned into an abortion facility. Instead, he turned it into a health facility for expectant mothers. When asked why he took this step, the doctor said "the Holy Spirit led me to do this."

- In another case, an abortionist moved into a commercial business park, followed by protest demonstrations. The business park sued him for creating a public nuisance and won a \$1.5 million judgment.
- As an aside, John Murphy noted that Elon Musk recently predicted that due to declining populations the economies of many countries will collapse by the end of the century.

Membership: There were no new candidates for membership. Current Division membership stands at 64. This number includes 3 military and 7 clergy.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Torrey reported our current bank balance is \$20,712.01. We had a positive cash flow last month of \$516.71. Likewise, we have a positive cash flow for the year so far of \$5,390.00.

Chaplain: Father Ruskamp addressed the ongoing struggle of most to increase their faith, and referenced the gospel according to Saint Luke. He noted that this is not an easy thing for many, but added that help is available and we should not hesitate to talk to our priests.

New Business:

- The Division's new banner, secured by Mark Roddy for \$158.26, was on display and admired by all.
- The Division's participation in the Ox Hill Battle commemoration was reported in the *Centerville Connection*.
- Orders for new Division shirts should be submitted ASAP.
- The Division will require a new President and Recording Secretary next year. Volunteers are being solicited by the Nominating Committee. Thus far we have had one nomination for Recording Secretary, but none for President.
- Peter O'Neill noted that support for the Catholic Church in Ireland appears to be on a downward trend, and recommended Division members' prayers in this regard.
- Fred Parker mentioned a new Irish Genealogy Group on Facebook. One Facebook post has a web site that shows family locations in 1901 and 1911. It can be found at: <https://barrygriffin.com/surname-maps>

Good and Welfare of the Order:

- Past Division presidents were recognized.
- Prayers were offered for those on the Division's Monthly Prayer Intentions list, as well as for the Catholic clergy, active duty military, members of law enforcement, and those suffering in the Caribbean islands.

The meeting concluded at 1:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lacey